
City of Reading City Council

Special Meeting Monday, June 30, 2008

City Councilor Jeff Waltman called the special meeting to order.

ATTENDANCE

Councilor Sterner, District 3
Councilor Marmarou, District 4
Councilor Baez, District 5
Councilor Waltman, District 6

Acting Managing Director R. Hottenstein
Mayor T. McMahon
City Planner A. Miller
City Clerk L Kelleher
City Solicitor C. Younger

PUBLIC COMMENT

Councilor Waltman opened the floor for Public Comment reminding all of the public speaking rules listed on the agenda. Albert Boscov came forward to address Council.

Albert Boscov stated that the lighting project is critical to the redevelopment of this neighborhood. He shared various mock ups of the lighting projects planned for the Goggle Works parking garage, IMAX, and RACC Area. He stated that the project is scheduled for completion between August and September.

Mr. Boscov announced that August 9th will be the opening of the IMAX Theater. He displayed the image of the redesigned marquee. He stated that the supporting retail businesses will open around August 9th. He stated that the second phase of the lighting project will begin after receiving Penn Dot approval.

Councilor Marmarou noted the dramatic difference the proposed lighting project will make on this area.

Mr. Boscov expressed hope to break ground on the Goggle Works Apartments on the IMAX opening date. He noted the intent and the obligation of the apartment complex to pay its fair share in property taxes.

Mr. Waltman noted the City's appreciation for the work Mr. Boscov has done in this area. He also noted the importance of the lighting project that will frame this redeveloped neighborhood.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

Councilor Waltman noted that the only item on the agenda is the Award of Contract for the 2nd an Washington lighting project. He asked if anyone on Council had any objections or additions to the agenda. As no one objected or announced an intent to make changes, the agenda was deemed approved.

AWARD OF CONTRACT

Award of Contract to Hirneisen Electric Inc. Reading for the pedestrian lighting system at Entertainment Square, 2nd & Washington streets at a total bid price of \$311,193.00

Councilor Marmarou moved, seconded by Councilor Sterner, to approve the award of contract to Hirneisen.

Councilor Sterner noted his belief in the project and thanked Mr. Boscov for his efforts to redevelop Reading. The Award of Contract was approved by the following vote.

Yeas – Baez, Marmarou, Sterner, Waltman – 4

Nays – 0

Councilor Marmarou moved, seconded by Councilor Baez, to adjourn the Special Meeting.

Linda Kelleher
City Clerk

